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SUBJECT: PAKISTAN'S ATTITUDE TOWARD CENTO

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1. THE VARIOUS GOP AND PAK PMD ACTIONS NOTED REFTEL ARE CONSISTENT WITH POLICY ENUNCIATED BY GENERAL ZIA WHEN HE TOOK OVER REINS OF GOVERNMENT ON JULY FIFTH -- THAT INTERIM GOVERNMENT WOULD NOT MAKE ANY MAJOR POLICY DECISIONS DURING ITS TENURE. ACTIONS SUCH AS REFUSAL TO PARTICIPATE IN US HOSTED SEMINARS, ESPECIALLY IF ANY NATO CONNECTION, WHILE ALLOWING USE OF AIR/GROUND RANGE AND PERMITTING PORT VISITS REPRESENT NO CHANGE FROM PAK ATTITUDE TOWARD CENTO OVER PAST FIVE YEARS.

2. AS GENERAL BRETT REALIZED, AKRAM IS NOTORIOUSLY INACCURATE
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AS REPORTER OF HIS GOVERNMENT'S VIEWS. GOP AND PAK MILITARY ARE CONTENT TO HAVE HIM AS PMD SINCE IT MEANS HE IS NOT IN PAKISTAN, A SITUATION TO THE LIKING OF PAK ARMY WHICH CONSIDERS AKRAM A LIGHTWEIGHT.

3. WE DO NOT BELIEVE THERE WILL BE ANY CHANGE IN PAKISTAN'S ATTITUDE TOWARD OR PARTICIPATION IN CENTO UNTIL AFTER A NEW

GOVERNMENT IS INSTALLED. ALTHOUGH BOTH MAJOR PARTIES, THE PPP AND PNA, HAVE REPEATEDLY CALLED FOR WITHDRAWAL FROM CENTO, THERE IS NO GUARANTEE A SUCCESSOR GOVERNMENT WILL FULFILL A PLEDGE THAT WAS IGNORED DURING FIVE YEARS OF PPP GOVERNMENT. THE FINAL DECISION AFTER ELECTIONS WILL DEPEND ON THE DOMESTIC POLITICAL SITUATION, THE NEW GOVERNMENT'S PERCEPTION OF ITS RELATIONS WITH THE US AND, MOST IMPORTANTLY, ITS ASSESSMENT OF HOW IRAN AND TURKEY WOULD VIEW A PAKISTANI WITHDRAWAL.

4. REFTEL RAISES SEVERAL QUESTIONS ABOUT US POLICY TOWARD CENTO THAT ARE BEST ADDRESSED BY WASHINGTON.
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